Moore County Pre-CTP Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2010, 10:00 AM

Attendees Present:

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Introduction: Between 1998 and 2005, work had been done by NCDOT to develop a thoroughfare plan for Moore County. It occurred under two separate contracts: Moore County and Southern Moore County. However, several of the recommendations drew local opposition and the issues surrounding them were never resolved.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting was to discuss NCDOT's new format for thoroughfare planning called the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and develop an approach for moving forward with a successful, unified CTP for Moore County.

Discussions:

Defining CTP's

The CTP identifies the necessary improvements in the existing transportation system, specifically the Highway, Public Transportation and Rail, Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities, as well as the need, approximate location and classification of new facilities based upon the expected growth patterns and generators within the County over a 30 year design period.

Based upon the requirements set forth by State Law, participating municipalities and local jurisdictions must have, or be in the process of developing a current land use plan. Attendees from the County were going to address and inquire through the County Transportation Committee the status of the participating municipalities' land use plans.

Unresolved Recommendations

Based upon feedback received at the time the original recommendations were submitted, three main recommendations warrant additional review on the local level: R-2212 Carthage By-Pass, R-2591 NC 211 Connector, and the US 1 Bypass. Additionally, there are potentially three projects within close proximity to each other that are under

consideration for, or scheduled for, widening to a four lane cross section: R-2591 – West End Bypass, R-2807, and the NC 73 feasibility study is currently underway. The RPO expressed concern over the possibility and impact of three, 4-lane facilities coming together in one location.

Pre-CTP Process

The suggestion was made by NCDOT to attempt mitigation of local issues prior to initiating the standard planning process for the CTP and asked the committee present to consider creating local committees to address these concerns. County Planning representatives outlined Moore County's process for addressing transportation issues and suggested that the Countywide Transportation Committee be used as the primary committee for the PRE-CTP process with subcommittees being lead by the Countywide Transportation Committee members.

Attendees agreed that including local stakeholders representing the area's business interests may prove beneficial in an effort to achieve local consensus and/or incorporate public participation in finding viable alternatives. County Planning representatives offered to take the lead in identifying stakeholders and committee members.

Brief Review of Existing CTP Maps, Unresolved Recommendations and TIP Projects A brief period of review and brainstorming culminated the meeting as attendees reviewed County Maps overlaid with TIP projects and the existing CTP recommendations as submitted in 2005 for Southern Moore County.

Tasks Going Forward

- County Planning Department to initiate inquiry of land use status with participating municipalities
- NCDOT and RPO Website page uploads for Moore County CTP
- NCDOT to provide RPO with CTP summary for website
- NCDOT to send shape files to RPO of existing S. Moore County CTP
- RPO to check status of BRAC Transportation Model from Wilbur Smith.
- NCDOT to meet with County Planners in approximately two weeks review issues in depth.
- Survey development